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Annotations/programme of work

30 April

Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

Election of officers

At its organizational session in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principal of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee, who would be elected for two-year terms. At the beginning of the twenty-ninth session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve for the next two years.

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Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

Admission of new members

The Committee will consider requests for membership in the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 61/121 A and B of 14 December 2006.

30 April-2 May

General debate[1]

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities and strategic directions of the network of United Nations information centres (A/AC.198/2007/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations website: progress towards parity among languages, accessibility and content management (A/AC.198/2006/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information (A/AC.198/2007/4)

[1] The following wording for the sub-items of the general debate is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.

3[2] -9 May

Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

11 May 2007

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session

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[2] 3 May 2007: commemoration of World Press Freedom Day. The General Assembly, by its decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, declared 3 May as World Press Freedom Day. The Department of Public Information will hold a panel discussion to commemorate this event. This is not considered to be an official meeting of the Committee on Information.